

REMARKS

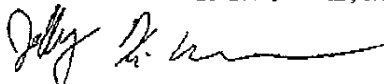
Claims 1-19 are pending in this Application. Claims 20-35 have been cancelled without prejudice to reintroduction in a continuation or other related application.

This response supplements the previous response mailed November 6, 2003, which did not explicitly address claims 20-35. Applicants believe that all claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance.

Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. Aside for a one-month extension fee, no other fees appear to be necessary for this Amendment. However, if the Assistant Commissioner determines that any fee is due, such fee may be charged to deposit account No. 50-0388 (Order No. NOVLP014).

Respectfully submitted,

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